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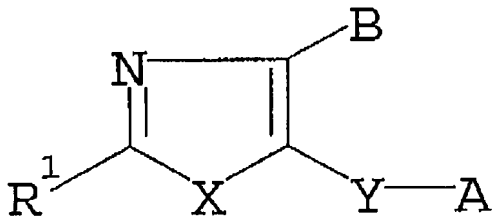
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for treating senile dementia of Alzheimer's disease in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an azole derivative of the formula:



wherein R^1 represents an imidazolyl group which may optionally be substituted; A represents (i) a phenoxy group substituted with an alkyl group which may optionally be substituted or (ii) a phenoxy group substituted with a C_{1-4} alkoxy; B represents a phenyl group which may optionally be substituted; X represents oxygen atom; and Y represents a divalent hydrocarbon group ~~or heterocyclic group~~, or a salt thereof.

2-8. (Canceled)

9. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein A is a phenoxy group substituted with an alkyl group which may optionally be substituted.

10. (Canceled)

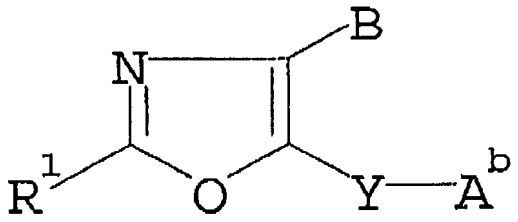
11. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein Y is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon group.

12-14. (Canceled)

15. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the azole derivative is 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[3-(2-methoxyphenoxy)propyl]-2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)oxazole, 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[3-(3-methoxyphenoxy)propyl]-2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)oxazole, 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[3-(4-methoxyphenoxy)propyl]-2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)oxazole, or 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)-5-[3-(2-methylphenoxy)propyl]oxazole.

16-28. (Canceled)

29. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the azole derivative is of the formula:



wherein R^1 represents an imidazolyl group which may optionally be substituted; A^b represents an phenoxy group which is substituted by an alkyl group; B represents a phenyl group which may optionally be substituted; and Y represents a divalent hydrocarbon group ~~or heterocyclic group~~, or a salt thereof.

30-33. (Canceled)

34. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 29, wherein R^1 is an imidazolyl group which may optionally be substituted by a C_{1-10} alkyl.

35. (Canceled)

36. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 29, wherein B is a phenyl group which may optionally be substituted by halogens.

37. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 29, wherein Y is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon group.

38. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 37, wherein Y is a divalent C_{1-4} aliphatic hydrocarbon group.

39-42. (Canceled)

43. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 29, wherein the azole derivative is 4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)-5-[3-(2-methylphenoxy)propyl]oxazole or a salt thereof.

44. (Canceled)

45. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 29, wherein the azole derivative is 4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)-5-[3-(3-methylphenoxy)propyl]oxazole or a salt thereof.

46-58. (Canceled)